

REMARKS

By the foregoing Amendment, Claim 4 and Paragraph [00034] of the Specification are amended. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration thereof is earnestly requested.

The Examiner has objected to the Specification as containing an informality. The Specification has been amended to obviate this objection.

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 4 has been amended to obviate this rejection.

The Examiner has provisionally rejected all claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 7-12 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/600,732. As this is an obviousness-type double patenting rejection, the Examiner has recognized that the rejection may be overcome by the filing of a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer and the associated fee are enclosed herewith. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been obviated.

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For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims, namely Claims 1-7, are patentable over the references of record, and earnestly solicits allowance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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